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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of:)
Hans-Peter HOHMANN, *et al.*) Parent Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr
Parent Serial No.: 09/633,927) Parent Art Unit: 1652
Parent Filed: August 8, 2000)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A**)
TARGET FERMENTATION
PRODUCT

New York, New York
October 8, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-identified Rule 53(b) divisional application in advance of prosecution on the merits. The amendments presented below mirror amendments presented in the parent application, and are intended to "complete" the present application.

It is not believed that this preliminary amendment occasions any fee. However, should there be any fee, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

In re divisional application based on Application No.: 09/633,927
Preliminary Amendment Dated: October 8, 2003

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS: none.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.